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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Modification of Bioassays for Detection of  
Antigens Characteristic of Bacteria that are  
Causative of Ear and Respiratory Infections to  
Eliminate False Positive Results Caused by  
Nasopharyngeal Colonization of Children

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Examiner Devi:

In response to the Office Action, mailed December 5, 2006, in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference ISA-102.01**.